

July 12, 2012

Thank you for your written request for the reconsideration of the book *Troop 142* by Mike Dawson.

At our meeting last evening the library board of trustees reviewed your request. The library collection development policy supports the *Library Bill of Rights* which is a policy statement adopted by the American Library Association over 50 years ago "*to protect the right of all library users to choose for themselves what they wish to read or view*".

One of the factors used in collection development is book review ratings; this book was rated 4 to 5 on a scale of 1-5. The removal of this book from the collection would be censorship which we cannot support because this is a road with no end.

Thank you again for your interest and sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

The Library Board of Trustees



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Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials

Author: MIKE DAWSON

Title: TROOP 142

Format (circle one): book, video/DVD, audio

Did you read, view, or listen to the entire item of which you are filing this form?

YES

Have you read any published reviews of this item? If so, explain.

NO

To what do you object?

THE SUBJECT/CONTENT OF SEX, DRUGS, AND BULLYING ARE NOT ADDRESSED AS BEING INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR.

Did you find anything of value in this item? If so, explain.

NO!

In its place, what other quality work would you recommend that would convey as valuable a picture and perspective of the subject?

THERE ARE REFERENCES THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS TAKING PLACE AT A BOY SCOUTS CAMP. THESE BEHAVIORS ARE NOT TOLERATED AT THE BOY SCOUTS CAMP. THE BOY(S) WILL BE SHIPPED HOME IMMEDIATELY

WHY PROMOTE THESE INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR/ACTIONS IN TODAY'S WORLD OF LOW SELF-ESTEEM, LOW SELF-WORTH?

WE SHOULD BE ~~UPRIGHT~~ UPLIFTING THE BOYS AND

Date: 6.17.2012 GIRLS TO BE POSITIVE, HELPFUL, AND COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE.